

KING OF BELGIUM NEAR DEATH

AGED MONARCH IS MAKING A DESPERATE FIGHT AGAIN GREAT ODDS

FATAL RAILROAD WRECK

By Associated Press
ERIE, Pa., Dec. 13.—It was reported at midnight tonight that two passenger trains had collided on the Lake Shore road, at Eastern, Pennsylvania, 16 miles from here. The extent of the wreck is unknown. A relief train left here with all the available doctors of the city on board. Dispatches received by the police state that the Twentieth Century Limited ran into the rear end of passenger train No. 10, and that six bodies had been recovered at that time. A special Lake Shore train bearing railroad officials and surgeons left Collinwood suburb for the scene at 1 o'clock this morning (Tuesday). From this it is believed many were killed.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13.—Advices received by railroad officials before they left for the scene stated that No. 10 broke down and that the second section of the limited ran into it. Twenty were reported dead.

ERIE, Dec. 13.—The relief train sent to the wreck is returning, bringing six dead and 15 injured.

EIGHTEEN BLOCKS BURNED AT SANTIAGO

By Associated Press
SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 13.—A disastrous fire occurred last night in the city of Valdivia. Eighteen blocks were destroyed and thousands are homeless. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

CORPORATIONS WILL HAVE TO MAKE RETURNS TO THE GOVERNMENT

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh Issues Statement Calling Attention to the New Tax Law.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—More than 400,000 corporations in the United States will have to make their returns in conformance with the new corporation tax. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh has issued a very comprehensive statement for the government of those corporation officials. The statement is calculated to cover any questions of classification and distinction which might arise in the making of the reports, and it sets forth in terse language what the government expects.

Secretary MacVeagh's statement plainly begins with the statement that the government expects returns to be made to conform with the intent of the law and that the law had two intents—first that it should be a revenue producer for the government, and second to levy a tax of 1 per cent on the net income of corporations, as provided in the law. After a concise definition of what is considered net income within the law, the statement says:

"It is clear that the purpose of the law was not to put a tax on receipts, but a tax on profits, and that the terms 'net income,' and 'gross income' are used because

Strength Rapidly Failing and as Last Resort Surgeons Will Operate Today—Chaplain Listens to Confession Then Administers Communion—Bids Court Officials an Affectionate Farewell.

By Associated Press
BRUSSELS, Dec. 13.—Leopold, king of Belgium, is tonight making a desperate struggle with death, with the odds strongly against the aged monarch. As a last resort, the surgeon's knife will be tried tomorrow.

The king is suffering from rheumatism, dropsy has developed, and an obstruction of the intestines, which must be removed, has greatly aggravated his condition.

Leopold is attended by his daughter, Princess Clementine, Crown Prince Albert and the royal household at "The Palms," a little pavilion of six rooms. The castle is

empty, for the king sold all the furniture, dismissed the servants and withdrew to the pavilion, not far from the chateau which is the home of his most intimate friend, the Baroness Vaughan.

Today was a mixture of anxiety, hope and despair. As the aged monarch's strength failed he whispered to his chaplain, and the aged

priest, with tears wetting his cheeks, approached the bed, heard the king's confession, and administered communion and extreme unction.

In the morning the king, assisted by a notary and solicitors, settled up his private affairs, and discussed the points of the will with perfect composure. In the afternoon he took a farewell of the court officials.

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The president and Mrs. Taft went on a shopping tour on Fifth avenue today, which they made in the midst of a rain-storm. They arrived from Washington this afternoon at the Twenty-third street ferry, where they were met by an automobile. A police automobile preceded Mr. Taft's car, and a secret service machine followed. The president, Mrs. Taft, and Mrs. Thomas Laughlin, who accompanied them, entered a private room on the main floor of the establishment, and a battery of salesmen were placed at their disposal. Tray after tray of gold and silver trinkets were borne to the room, and from them a variety of Christmas presents were selected for the White House family. The president is spending the night at the home of his brother Henry. He will go to New Haven tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Yale corporation, and will be a guest tomorrow night at a banquet given by the New Haven chamber of commerce.

BILL AND MRS. BILL IN NEW YORK

By Associated Press
PASADENA, Dec. 13.—"The Montastory," one of the buildings belonging to the Mount Wilson solar observatory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, located on the summit of Mount Wilson, near here, burned to the ground today. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Many valuable records and text books were destroyed. The principal building, containing the instruments and lens, was unharmed.

ARMY OFFICER MUST SERVE A PRISON TERM

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Captain Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., twice commended by General Chaffee and General Otis for distinguished service in China and at Manila, pleaded guilty today to a long series of petty embezzlements from the mess fund of the West Point cadets. Judge Hand of the United States Circuit court, sentenced him to two and a half years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. His counsel gave notice that he would apply for a writ of error and review.

REPORTED THAT SEVERE BATTLE HAS BEEN FOUGHT

By Associated Press
MANAGUA, Dec. 13.—A report is current that there has been a severe engagement, near Rama between government troops under General Vasquez, and the revolutionists, with heavy loss of life. There is also an unconfirmed report that Rama has been captured by Zelaya's forces.

JURY IN THE SHERIDAN CASE IS SECURED

Special to the Bonanza
GOLDFIELD, Dec. 13.—This afternoon in the district court, the jury to decide the fate of Jack Sheridan, charged with wife murder, was secured, and the trial proper will start with the convening of court tomorrow morning. Altogether 93 veniremen were examined to secure the jury, and three panels were exhausted before the twelve men were selected. Both sides exhausted all of their peremptory challenges.

In the morning the indictment will be read to the jury and District Attorney Tilden will make the opening statement for the state. It is not known whether the defense will make a statement and it is possible this right will be waived by Attorneys P. A. McCarran and T. V. Eddy, who represent Sheridan. The jurors selected are as follows: E. David, Jr., of Sonoma; P. Flansburg, Goldfield; A. Petrucci, Millers; E. R. Richardson, Goldfield; J. Stark, Mina; L. W. Osborne, Cambridge; J. Taylor, Gold Mountain; S. H. Smith, Millers; Sam Bayless, Rawhide; H. C. Wagner, Millers; P. W. Menton, Hawthorne; F. J. Kavanaugh, Rawhide.

MULLIN HAS STAR RECORD FOR THE SEASON

By Associated Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—George Mullin, of the Detroit champions, was the leading pitcher in the American league last season, according to the official pitching and fielding averages issued by President B. B. Johnson today. Mullin's record was 29 games won and 8 lost for a percentage of .784. He was 62 points ahead of Cicotte, of Boston, who had a record of 18 games won and 5 lost for .722. Another Detroit pitcher, Willett, finished third, with 22 won and 9 lost for .710.

Kranke, the early season sensation of Philadelphia, was tied for fourth with his team mate, Bender, at .692 with 18 won and 8 lost.

Chicago, which finished fourth in the pennant race, led the team fielding with a percentage of .964. Philadelphia finished second, with the Detroit champions third. New York made the greatest number of errors, having .331 charged against them.

DENVER MINT TO RESUME COINING OF MONEY

The Denver mint, which was shut down last July because of a surplus of gold coins, will open the first of the year with between eighteen and twenty million dollars in gold bullion on hand, which will immediately be coined into money of the smaller denominations, according to an announcement made by Superintendent Frank Downer.

SEVEN DEAD FROM A TENEMENT FIRE

By Associated Press
CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—Seven persons are dead and several injured as the result of a tenement fire at Third and Sycamore streets at midnight tonight.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN CALLED BY REAPER

By Associated Press
PAINSVILLE, O., Dec. 13.—General J. S. Casement, railroad contractor, philanthropist, and trustee of Lake Erie college, died today. General Casement was a veteran of the civil war. He laid the original rails of the Big Four and the Lake Shore roads, built the Union Pacific as far as Cheyenne, and built a railroad line in Costa Rica for the government a few years ago.

FAVORABLE SHOWING IN OLD RYE PATCH MINE

A letter received at the local office of the Rye Patch company, which has recently re-started development work on its promising property in Humboldt county, Nevada, states that everything is moving along nicely, though progress is somewhat slow owing to the very hard formation which is at present being worked through, says the Salt Lake Tribune. Superintendent Ray states that several small veins of ore of a milling character have been encountered in the tunnel, and as these small streaks are becoming more numerous, it is taken as an indication that a larger and more permanent body of ore will be

MILITIA OFFICER FOUND GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

By Associated Press
OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 13.—After being out five hours and a quarter, the jury in the case of former Adjutant General Otis Hamilton, charged with larceny by embezzlement, returned a verdict of guilty. The charge upon which Hamilton was convicted was that of securing \$1800 belonging to the state military fund by forging vouchers.

Several other charges are pending against Hamilton, who is accused of embezzling \$50,000 belonging to the state.

found soon. The work now is headed towards the old Alpha vein, which in the early days was productive of a big tonnage of a high-grade ore, and it is in a similar soluble lime formation that the present management expects to get its best results.

In view of the encouraging report made on the Rye Patch recently by a well known mining engineer, those who are backing the development work feel satisfied that they are going to be well repaid, and will continue operations all winter. If conditions pan out as anticipated, a mill will be erected by the company next year.

FIRE DESTROYS MANY VALUABLE SOLAR REPORTS

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ARGENTOS MUST SERVE HIS LIFE SENTENCE

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The life sentence imposed on Thomas Argentos, a Greek, convicted of the murder of John Pavlovich of Goldfield, which was committed in July, 1907, while on a prospecting trip in Death valley, was sustained by the supreme court today.

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PRIVATIONS AND INSULTS UNDERGONE BY WOMEN IMMIGRANTS

Startling and Appalling Conditions are Found to Exist on the Trans-Atlantic Steamers.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A report on steerage conditions, based on information obtained by agents of the immigration bureau, traveling as steerage passengers on different trans-Atlantic steamers, was made public today through its presentation to the senate, with recommendations for legislation bettering conditions. The conditions found on many vessels is described as appalling. The general report of the commission contains reports of individuals giving their experiences aboard steamships, where they posed as steerage passengers. A woman agent who was compelled to withstand privations stated that she lived in the utmost disorder for 12 days, and only the fresh breeze from the sea overcame the sickening odors. She was compelled to listen to the vile language of men, the screams of women defending themselves, and crying children, irritated beyond endurance because of the wretched surroundings. There was no sight before which the eye did not prefer to close. Everything was dirty, sticky and disagreeable to touch. Worse even than this was the general aid to immorality. For fifteen hours each day the agent de-

clared she witnessed indecent and forced mingling of men, both steerage passengers and crew, with women who were strangers.

"Members of the crew," said one of the women agents, "never failed to deal a woman passenger a blow when she was found standing on the framework of a lower berth in order to get something from an upper berth. If a woman was dressing they always stopped to watch her, and frequently hit her."

"One night the chief steerage steward entered our apartments, not noticing me, and approached a Polish girl, who apparently was the only other occupant. She spoke in Polish, saying: 'My head aches; please go, let me alone.' But he continued and soon was insulting her. The girl, weakened by sea-sickness, defended herself as best she could until other passengers entered, when he released her."

In the introduction to the report it is stated: "Universal needs are space, air, food, sleep, and privacy, recognized to a degree now made compulsory by law. Beyond that persons carried are looked upon as so much freight, with mere transportation as their only due."